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Project Title Georgia Appalachian Riparian Initiative

Summary

Riparian areas from the USFS lands will be linked to private lands down stream. External partners will participate in a collaborative effort through development of landowner cooperatives to provide riparian area information & on the ground assistance in the face of unprecedented development pressure

Category

(check one)

- ☐ Regional or sub-regional in scale and involves multiple states
☒ Single state- or sub-state scale projects

Submitting State: (participating States use attachment)

Georgia

- ☐ Will more than one state be receiving funds to implement this project?

If yes, please list all states to receive funds:

- ☒ Is this project multi-year?

If yes, please indicate the anticipated duration of this project:

- ☐ Two years
☒ Three years

Project Coordinator information: (participating States use attachment)

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I/we, the undersigned State Forester(s), agree to and acknowledge our State's participation in the delivery of this project upon receipt of State and Private Forestry Redesign Funds as part of the FY09 Competitive Process.

State Forester - Submitting State

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Project linkage:



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Project Description (20 points):

Goal

Increase landowner awareness of benefits of protecting/enhancing riparian areas

Objectives

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This project would identify private landowners where streams flow from USFS lands onto private lands. Then it would attempt to continue the water quality and functioning riparian zones as far down stream as possible.

What specific methods or actions will be used to accomplish objectives?

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1. Identify the landowners with stream continuity to the USFS and provide a Forest Stewardship Plan (FSP) with advice specific to: (a) State forestry BMPs and laws; (b) up-to-date research on riparian zone function; (c) available cost-share programs & other funding sources.
2. Provide education through a series of workshops and a website focusing on riparian issues.
3. Act as a liaison between non-governmental organizations (NGOs) such as Trout Unlimited (TU), The Trust for Public Lands (TPL), etc., and the identified landowners.
4. Explore new methods to involve the identified landowners in active land management and self-education on riparian issues.

How will this project support or move forward existing State & Private Forestry programs?

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Combined with NGO and other cooperators, this project will result in the creation of more opportunities to provide private landowners information on forest management at a landscape level. This will result in increased forest health and wildland/urban interface awareness, more Forest Stewardship Plans, and the possibility of securing conservation easements on more private properties. This area of the state has many impaired streams as identified by the US Environmental Protection Agency and GA Environmental Protection Division. Implementation of this project would provide technical assistance to forest landowners that could result in the clean-up of these streams and their subsequent removal from the impaired list.



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Project Benefits (25 points):

How will the forest resource be sustained by this project?

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Through educational information and on-the-ground technical assistance, landowners will be made aware of current tax reduction opportunities that will enhance forest ownership and needed management that will result in keeping lands in forested conditions.

What societal or public values are enhanced by this project?

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This area of the state is dominated by USFS National Forest and is used for recreational activities including hunting, fishing, hiking, etc. The value of the ecosystem services provided by this project would be immeasurable.

Who are the direct beneficiaries/ stakeholders of the project and how do they benefit?

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The ultimate beneficiaries are local landowners and the USFS National Forest. Secondary beneficiaries include the general public who benefit from the ecosystem services provided, i.e., clean air, clean water, recreation, and habitat for fish & wildlife.



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Outcomes, Measures, and Deliverables (25 points):

What are the desired outcomes?

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Water quality in these important headwater streams should improve with the increase of quality riparian areas.

Water quantity should be more stable with less storm runoff. Both of which would be beneficial to water supplies downstream.

The integration and expansion of current programs such as Georgia's water quality program, the Forest Stewardship Program, and the Forest Health program.

Successes can be applied to other states and areas.

What will be the measures of success?

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- Number of Forest Stewardship Plans written and implemented.

- Number of forest landowners assisted.

- Improvement of stream health via the number of streams removed from the Georgia TMDL list.

- Number of conservation easements established in the area.

What are the deliverables and how will they be used?

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The Georgia Forestry Commission will target landowners to contact and then offer to produce a Forest Stewardship Plan focusing on water quality and watershed protection. The contacts will be accomplished by matching USFS databases and tax records using GIS.

One workshop per year will be held to educate landowners in the area and bring them face-to-face with government and NGO employees who can offer assistance and technical advice.

The Georgia Forestry Commission website will add a page to consolidate water quality information and provide relevant contact information of agencies and groups that can be of assistance.

Follow-up with landowners will help gauge success as well.



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Timeframe and Partners (15 points):

What is the timeline or schedule for the project?

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Three years (2009-2013)

What are the implementation steps?

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2009 - Hire full-time coordinator & either contract for website development or hire a 1/2 time position to develop website.

2010 - Have website available for public; conduct one landowner workshop

2011 - Conduct two landowner workshops; maintain website & records

2012 - Conduct two workshops; maintain website & records

2013 - Conduct one workshop & close-out or renew

Identify partnering organizations.

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Partner organizations include, but are not limited to the following:

USDA Forest Service

Georgia Forestry Commission

Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Wildlife Resources Division

Natural Resource Conservation Service

Trout Unlimited

The Nature Conservancy

The Trust for Public Lands



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Budget 1: Requested Federal Dollars

In each of the columns below, designate the individual state requests for federal funds according to the associated costs identified in A. Personnel/ Labor through I. Indirect Costs. The TOTAL in Row J should reflect each individual state's funding request.

Requesting State (2 letter abbreviation)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
A. Personnel / Labor	GA \$42,108						
B. Fringe Benefits	\$17,892						
C. Travel	\$6,000						
D. Equipment	\$3,000						
E. Supplies	\$10,000						
F. Contractual							
G. Construction							
H. Other	\$1,000						
I. Indirect Costs	\$6,000						
J. TOTAL * (sum of A through I)	\$86,000						

* No individual state shall receive more than 15% of total available Redesign funds in any given fiscal year.

* If additional space is needed, please use the above format and attach a separate Word or Excel document entitled: **FEDERAL REQUEST** to your email when submitting this form. Make sure to include **all federal requests** in the total below.

☐ Please check this box if you are attaching a separate Word/Excel document that outlines additional states' requests for federal funding not included on this form.

TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS REQUESTED
(sum of individual state requests as above in J. 1 through 7.)

\$ 86,000



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Budget 2: State and other Partner Contributions

In each of the columns below, designate the individual state and partner contributions to the projects according to the associated costs in A. Personnel/Labor through I. Indirect Costs. The TOTAL in Row J should reflect the sum of all cash and in-kind contributions that each individual state will make towards the project. Cash contributions or matching funds should be listed as a dollar amount with no brackets, i.e. \$100,000. In-Kind Service amounts should be listed as a dollar amount with brackets, i.e. [\$100,000].

Contributing State or Partner	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
GA							
A. Personnel / Labor	\$130,535						
B. Fringe Benefits	\$55,465						
C. Travel							
D. Equipment							
E. Supplies							
F. Contractual							
G. Construction							
H. Other							
I. Indirect Costs	\$20,000						
J. TOTAL * (sum of A through I)	\$206,000						

* If additional space is needed, please use the above format and attach a separate Word or Excel document entitled: CONTRIBUTIONS to your email when submitting this form. Make sure to include **all contributions** in the total below.

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TOTAL STATE AND PARTNER CONTRIBUTIONS

(sum of individual state/partner contributions as above in J.
1 through 7.

\$ 206,000



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ATTACHMENT: State / Project Coordinator Information**



Participating State #1: **State Forester:**

Project Coordinator information:

Name	<input type="text"/>		
Address	<input type="text"/>		
Phone	<input type="text"/>	Fax	<input type="text"/>
Email	<input type="text"/>		

Participating State #2: **State Forester:**

Project Coordinator information:

Name	<input type="text"/>		
Address	<input type="text"/>		
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Participating State #3: **State Forester:**

Project Coordinator information:

Name	<input type="text"/>		
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Participating State #4: **State Forester:**

Project Coordinator information:

Name	<input type="text"/>		
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Participating State #5: **State Forester:**

Project Coordinator information:

Name	<input type="text"/>		
Address	<input type="text"/>		
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Email	<input type="text"/>		

Participating State #6: **State Forester:**

Project Coordinator information:

Name	<input type="text"/>		
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